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STATISTICS OF AGRICULTURE FOR ALBERTA

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MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE AGRICULTURAL SITUATION

WHEAT: The four major wheat exporting countries estimate supplies of wheat at or about January 1st, at 1,923.7 million bushels, some 22 per cent greater than the 1,583.2 million available a year ago. Estimates by countries with last years' figures in brackets are: Canada 696.1 (580.2) ; United States 923.2 (715.9) ; Argentina 163.2 (154.6) and Australia 141.2 (132.5). In the 1953-54 crop year export supplies are up while import requirements are down owing to above average world crops. On the average between 1934-38 Europe imported 73 per cent of world exports of wheat compared to 54 per cent in 1952-53, although actual imports increased from 400 to 505 million bushels. In the same period Asia increased her imports from 54 to 215 million bushels or from 10 to 23 per cent of total exports. Total export-imports averaged 549 million bushels from 1934-38, they rose to 1,060 million bushels in 1951-52 and 935 million in 1952-53.

COARSE GRAINS:

Total supplies of Canadian feed grains for the current year are only slightly below last year's record. While the volume of exports, particularly of barley, have reached unprecedented levels in the past two years continuance of such exports cannot be depended on. Cash prices for oats have held steady since late August, but barley prices have fallen some twenty cents a bushel. The price of flax seed rose 34 cents in January.

LIVE STOCK:

Live stock prices held fairly uniform during January with only hogs moving upward-about a dollar. Alberta cattle receipts were up compared to the same month last year, but calf marketings were down. More cattle and calves were being returned for further feeding. Some twenty thousand fewer hogs were graded as compared to January 1953; sheep and lamb marketings were about 50 per cent higher.

MISCELLANEOUS:

There were substantial increases in the production of milk, creamery butter and cheese in January 1954 as compared to the same months in 1953.
The estimated number of hens over 6 months old on farms in January totalled 3,348,000 compared to 2,771,000 a year ago.
Egg production increased from 3,071,000 to 3,582,000 dozen. There was practically no change in the average prices paid producers for eggs.

NOTE: In the preparation of this summary, extensive use has been made of material published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Canada Department of Agriculture.

GRAIN MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

FARMERS' MARKETINGS INCLUDING PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS AND ESTIMATED INCOME RECEIVED

CROP YEARS - 1 August, 1952 - 31 July, 1953
1 August, 1953 - 31 July, 1954

		WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX	
Marketings:		1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54	1952-53	1953-54
						- - thousands of bushels - -					
Month of January		11,739	6,421	2,707	2,011	5,290	2,126	256	130	31	42
Season August - January		78,147	69,212	19,437	15,590	35,837	20,975	2,907	1,813	1,531	1,496
Estimated Farm Returns:						- - dollars per bushels - -					
Initial Payment		1.10	1.14	0.49	0.49	0.76	0.73				
Interim Payments											
February 18, 1953		0.20	--	--	--	0.15	--				
Sept. 11 - Nov. 19, 1953		0.12	--	0.10	--	0.12	--				
Total Per bushels to date	$	1.42	1.14	0.59☆	0.49	1.03☆	0.73	1.33☆	0.81	3.10☆	2.33
						- - thousands of dollars - -					
Total farm returns to date	$	110,969	78,902	11,468	7,639	36,912	15,312	3,866	1,468	4,746	3,486

☆ Final price.

A final payment on 1952-53 wheat participating certificates averaging 11 a bushel was announced on February 25, 1954.

LIVE STOCK MARKETINGS - ALBERTA

For JANUARY, 1954, As Compared with the Corresponding Month in 1953.

	CATTLE		CALVES		SHEEP AND LAMBS		HOGS (Graded)	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
Receipts at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants			- - Number of head - -					
Month of January	32,986	44,676	5,528	6,650	8,848	12,803	135,946	114,861
Shipments to Country Points from Yards and Plants								
Month of January	3,199	2,641	1,225	685	824	265	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants								
Month of January	29,787	42,035	4,303	5,965	8,024	12,538	135,946	114,861
Slaughterings in Uninspected Establishments								
Month of January	☆	2,107	☆	714	☆	180	☆	2,066
Total Net Live Stock Marketings								
Month of January	☆	44,142	☆	6,679	☆	12,718	☆	116,927
			- - Dollars - -					
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed								
Month of January	$ 5,391,681	$6,098,217	$361,976	$403,278	$164,490	$232,994	$5,110,584	$6,195,962

☆ Complete figures for 1953 not available. In calculating the total value of live stock marketed, it was assumed that slaughterings in uninspected establishments in January 1953 equaled slaughterings in the same month of 1954.

Total farm income from the sale of Live Stock in January 1954 was $12,930,451 compared to $11,028,731 for January 1953.

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LIVE STOCK PRICES - ALBERTA

January 1954, and 12 months ending December 1953, as compared with the corresponding period in 1952.

	GOOD STEERS		GOOD VEAL		GOOD LAMBS		B_1 HOGS	
Month of January	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
			- - dollars per hundred pounds - -					
Calgary	21.11	17.37	24.09	20.96	22.50	19.55	22.23	32.75
Edmonton	21.04	16.48	29.20	22.17	21.54	20.65	22.42	33.34
Lethbridge	21.12	17.09	21.77	16.17	22.35	20.13	22.06	32.57
12 Months ending December	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Calgary	23.60	18.90	22.30	19.30	22.05	20.30	24.00	28.53
Edmonton	23.45	18.14	26.90	23.00	22.45	20.42	24.60	28.80
Lethbridge	23.30	18.50	22.80	19.00	20.90	20.25	23.60	28.50

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog-Barley Ratio☆

Average	1933-52	1951	1952	Jan. 1953	Jan. 1954
	21.4	20.7	15.8	16.3	32.0

☆ Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of grade B_1 live hog at Edmonton prices plus federal premium

Relationships among Live Stock Prices ☆

	1933-52	Jan. 1952	Jan. 1953	Jan. 1954
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.2	123.7	121.5	64.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.1	118.5	124.4	80.7
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.5	104.4	97.7	79.8

☆ Prices of 100 lbs. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. live hogs, B_1 (federal premium included) or good lambs.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

			1952	1953	1953	1954	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.)	
			(12 Mos.)	(12 Mos.)	(1 Mo.)	(1 Mo.)	INC.%	DEC.%
FLOUR MILLS (8 Firms)	- Gross Sales	$	29,489,375	29,740,477	2,047,836	2,300,366	12.33	
	- Production	Barrels	3,578,050	3,410,097	263,320	229,238		12.94
		Value $	31,806,469	33,411,361	2,466,763	2,331,404		5.49
CREAMERY BUTTER (1)	- Production	Lbs.	27,647,221	29,993,363	1,221,725	1,384,000	13.28	
		Value $	16,336,745	17,546,118	754,415	837,320	10.99	
FACTORY CHEESE (1)	- Production	Lbs.	2,022,391	2,789,608	103,262	167,999	62.69	
		Value $	695,702	913,596	35,625	56,280	57.98	
DAIRY FACTORIES	- Gross Sales	$	34,737,897	38,283,688	1,962,255	1,980,651	.94	
PACKING PLANTS	- Gross Sales	$	118,308,039	115,975,555	10,080,528	11,337,100	12.47	
	Production - Meat	Lbs.	272,533,793	292,648,801	24,439,732	24,606,611	.68	
		Value $	83,262,700	86,370,151	6,821,584	7,610,638	11.57	

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

			1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (1 Mo.)	1 9 5 4 (1 Mo.)	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.)	
							INC.%	DEC.%
Salt	Production	Tons	24,388	24,903	2,213	2,483	12.20	
Petroleum Products Refined-	Gross Sales	$	109,623,572	118,815,888	6,189,124	6,756,836	9.17	
Propane	Production	Gallons	11,818,838	15,157,881	1,253,459	1,350,742	7.76	
	Sales	Gallons	12,324,888	15,593,377	1,330,319	1,733,298	30.29	
Butane	Production	Gallons	4,907,969	6,944,040	488,556	577,485	18.20	
	Sales	Gallons	2,781,493	3,551,072	235,444	580,224	146.44	
Sulphur	Production	Tons	8,932	18,295	1,490	2,117	42.08	
	Sales	Tons	4,225	16,075	926	1,608	73.65	
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$	3,628,279	3,757,780	31,549	51,817	64.24	
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$	12,178,836	16,230,872	718,551	363,129		49.46
Cement	Production	Barrels	1,906,677	3,123,085	242,420	170,400		29.71
		Value $	4,812,579	7,981,713	618,171	434,520		29.71
Lime	Gross Sales	$	518,044	556,511	20,775	15,890		23.51
	Production	Tons	34,306	28,807	721	562		22.05
		Value $	479,692	378,972	9,360	7,235		22.70

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952.

				1 9 5 2 (12 Mos.)	1 9 5 3 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE	
								INC.%	DEC.%
Petroleum	(1)	Production	Barrels	58,908,722	76,818,432	17,909,710		30.40	
		Value of Sales	$	139,657,915	193,118,494	53,460,579		38.28	
Natural Gas	(1)	Production	M.C.F.	95,822,255	113,960,664	18,138,409		18.93	
Petroleum-Crude & Refined	(2)	Imports	Gallons	58,889,974	69,847,927	10,957,953		18.61	
		Exports	Gallons	1,573,143,989	1,915,768,101	342,624,112		21.78	
Petroleum Products Refined	(2)	Production	Gallons	682,094,238	704,721,509	22,627,271		3.32	
		Imports	Gallons	10,509,239	17,180,225	6,670,986		63.48	
		Exports	Gallons	184,651,859	158,241,500		26,410,359		14.30
Natural Gasoline	(1)	Production	Barrels	579,873	602,368	22,495		3.88	
		Value of Sales	$	1,662,514	1,766,307	1 03,793		6.24	
Coal	(3)	Production	Tons	7,194,472	5,917,423		1,277,049		17.75
			Value $	39,974,318	32,158,435		7,815,883		19.55

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, December, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.

(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

(3) Source: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

GENERAL STATISTICS - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

			1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	1953 (1 Mo.)	1954 (1 Mo.)	PER CENTAGE (1 Mo.) INC.%	PER CENTAGE (1 Mo.) DEC.%
Forestry (Crown Lands) -	Production	Lumber-ft.b.m.	408,645,000	409,500,000	89,527,000	80,447,000		10.14
		Value $	16,345,800	16,380,000	3,581,100	3,217,900		10.14
Total Value of Lumber and Other Forestry Products		$	19,946,000	19,980,000	3,881,000	3,518,000		9.35
Fisheries -	Production (1)	Lbs.	9,656,981	10,428,000				
		Value $	942,888	1,127,500				
Fur (Wild Life) -	Trapped	No. of Pelts	2,021,690	1,492,729	390,605	161,194		58.73
		Value $	1,751,874	1,447,172	290,706	113,422		60.98
Wholesale Trade -	Gross Sales	$	539,677,517	575,244,437	28,863,036	27,494,730		4.74
Machinery, Agricultural	Gross Sales	$	80,914,094	73,909,805	3,489,926	1,658,856		52.47
Machinery, Other	Gross Sales	$			806,050	591,574		26.61
Bank Clearings		$	3,594,105,352	3,975,399,094	323,721,091	326,518,387	.86	

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952.

			1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
Retail Trade -	Gross Sales (2)	$	944,123,000	972,688,000	28,565,000		3.03	
New Motor Vehicles -	Gross Sales (3)	No.	41,209	43,304	2,095		5.08	
		Value $	103,192,354	108,246,857	5,054,503		4.90	
Bank Debits (4)		$	7,857,888,767	9,041,687,000	1,183,798,233		15.07	
Customs' Duty Receipts (Jan.-Dec. inclusive)		$	14,835,809	17,107,281	2,271,472		15.31	
Electric Power -	Consumption (5)	K. W. Hrs.	1,163,293,000	1,321,882,000	158,589,000		13.63	

(1) Source: Fish and Game Branch; Department of Lands and Forests, Alberta.
(2) Source: Retail Trade Vol. XXV, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: New Motor Vehicle Sales and Motor Vehicle Financing, Vol. XXV, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(4) Source: Cheques Cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 30, No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(5) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 21, 1953, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

BUILDING PERMITS:		1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	1953 (1 Mo.)	1954 (1 Mo.)	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.) INC.%	PERCENTAGE (1 Mo.) DEC.%
CALGARY	Number	5,330	4,972	202	156		22.77
	Value $	52,796,622	42,121,154	1,368,935	2,064,709	50.83	
EDMONTON	Number	5,967	7,085	148	147		.68
	Value $	37,066,526	55,023,816	606,518	366,550		39.56
LETHBRIDGE	Number	734	709	16	27	68.75	
	Value $	4,741,855	7,429,441	66,400	154,294	132.37	
MEDICINE HAT	Number	496	474	4	6	50.00	
	Value $	2,351,585	3,960,220	45,950	15,480		66.31
RED DEER	Number	328	393	8	2		75.00
	Value $	2,275,801	3,885,250	10,800	1,350		87.50
DRUMHELLER	Number	53	65	-	3		
	Value $	287,740	133,045	-	1,090		
WETASKIWIN	Number	106	134	1	-		
	Value $	565,000	1,279,840	800	-		
TOTAL - (7 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,014	13,832	379	341		10.03
	VALUE $	100,085,129	113,832,766	2,099,403	2,603,473	24.01	

CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)		1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE INC.%	PERCENTAGE DEC.%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	5,092	6,825	1,733		34.03	
	Value $	55,240,100	80,982,600	25,742,500		46.60	
BUSINESS	Number	760	875	115		15.13	
	Value $	56,964,900	60,113,700	3,148,800		5.53	
INDUSTRIAL	Number	111	123	12		10.81	
	Value $	31,577,300	9,836,600		21,740,700		68.85
ENGINEERING	Number	206	331	125		60.68	
	Value $	87,409,000	64,078,000		23,331,000		26.69
TOTAL - - - - - - - - -	NUMBER	6,169	8,154	1,985		32.18	
	VALUE $	231,191,300	215,010,900		16,180,400		7.00

(1) Source: [illegible]

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953

	1953 (Jan. - Feb.)	1954 (Jan. - Feb.)	PERCENTAGE (2 Mos.) INC.% or (-) DEC.%	1953 Feb.	1954 Feb.	PERCENTAGE(1 M INC.% or (-)DE
Banff - - - - - - - - - - - -	38,459	33,009	-14.17	24,648	22,158	-10.10
Elk Island - - - - - - - - -	350	600	71.43	200	300	50.00
Jasper - - - - - - - - - - -	927	488	-47.36	443	232	-47.63
Waterton Lakes - - - - - - -	-	-		-	-	
TOTAL - - - - -	39,736	34,097	-14.19	25,291	22,690	-10.29

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS

FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	1953 (1 Mo.)	1954 (1 Mo.)	PERCENTAGE(1 M	
					INC.%	DEC.%
Aden - - - - - - - - - - - - -	335	358	18	12		33.33
Carway - - - - - - - - - - - -	13,070	15,802	108	34		68.52
Chief Mountain - - - - - - - -	12,161	11,289	-	-		-
Coutts - - - - - - - - - - - -	34,353	38,153	1,742	1,442		17.22
Del Bonita - - - - - - - - - -	2,100	1,409	140	43		69.29
Wild Horse - - - - - - - - - -	571	693	28	15		46.43
TOTAL - - - - -	62,590	67,704	2,036	1,546		24.07

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics

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DETAILS OF ALBERTA REFINERIES' PRODUCTION

DECEMBER - 1953

FIRMS DESIGNATED AS:	GASOLINE GALS.	DIESEL FUEL GALS.	KEROSENE GALS.	OTHER FUEL GALS.	MISC. FUEL GALS.	TOTAL GALS.
A-	2,945,075	1,214,010	-	1,346,205	585,620	6,090,910
AA-	3,963,365	1,102,220	98,210	740,460	68,215	5,972,470
B-	328,895					328,895
BB-	27,792	109,626	101,861	536,792	35,000	811,071
C-	1,609,692	728,098	261,933☆	425,200		2,501,057
E-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G-	229,074	177,914	-	6,514,153		6,921,141
H-	5,198,906	563,901	11,871☆		1,031,309	6,782,245
J-	18,399,523	5,631,849	69,062	4,303,403	-	28,403,837
K-				2,737	-	2,737
L-	1,262,100	-	-	-	-	1,262,100
M-	8,610	23,135	9,555	290,430	1,470	333,200
N-	4,747,785	506,590	35☆	1,235,920	277,935	6,768,195
O-	256			121,589	-	121,845
TOTAL	38,721,073	10,057,343	4,849	15,516,889	1,999,549	66,299,703

☆ Adjustment - Deduct.

WHOLESALE TRADE - ALBERTA

PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1954, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1953.

	1953 (1 Mo.)	1954 (1 Mo.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE	
					INC.%	DEC.%
BY TYPES	$	$	$	$		
Automotive Accessories, Equipment and Supplies	5,991,938	6,186,121	824,183		13.75	
Boots and Shoes	163,248	145,002		18,246		11.18
Drugs	303,714	325,456	21,742		7.16	
Dry Goods	693,262	656,396		36,866		5.32
Electrical Appliances & Radios	1,611,220	1,343,321		267,899		16.63
Furniture	201,681	142,884		58,797		29.15
Groceries (including Fruits & Vegetables)	8,962,450	8,875,313		87,137		.97
Hardware	2,919,239	2,493,038		426,201		14.60
Lumber and Building Supplies	1,863,026	1,416,344		446,682		23.98
Paints and Varnishes	214,422	202,772		11,650		5.43
Paper	651,447	543,929		107,518		16.50
Tobacco	1,475,043	1,331,935		143,108		9.70
Miscellaneous	2,568,588	2,287,375		281,213		10.95
Oilfield Supplies	113,521	46,940		66,581		58.65
Carbonated Beverages	1,130,237	867,904		262,333		23.21
TOTAL	28,863,036	27,494,730		1,368,306		4.74
BY LOCATIONS						
Calgary	10,433,146	10,503,230	70,084		.67	
Edmonton	5,591,945	4,930,070		661,875		11.84
Lethbridge	863,245	825,886		37,359		4.33
Medicine Hat	93,198	76,989		16,209		17.39
Smaller Centres	244,762	223,798		20,964		8.57
Major Cities - not distributable by location	11,636,740	10,934,757		701,983		6.03
TOTAL	28,863,036	27,494,730		1,368,306		4.74

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1952.

	1952 (12 Mos.)	1953 (12 Mos.)	INCREASE	DECREASE	PERCENTAGE	
					INC.%	DEC.%
	$	$	$	$		
TOTAL - RETAIL TRADE	944,123,000	972,688,000	28,565,000		3.03	
Grocery and Combination Stores	113,824,000	118,976,000	5,152,000		4.53	
Meat Stores	14,612,000	14,648,000	36,000		.25	
Country General Stores	61,949,000	61,905,000		44,000		.07
Department Stores	96,319,000	102,262,000	5,943,000		6.17	
Variety Store	11,433,000	12,399,000	966,000		8.45	
Motor Vehicle Dealers	219,791,000	210,989,000		8,802,000		4.00
Garage and Filling Stations	50,186,000	55,946,000	5,760,000		11.48	
Men's Clothing Stores	16,037,000	16,048,000	11,000		.07	
Family Clothing Stores	11,809,000	12,414,000	605,000		5.12	
Women's Clothing Stores	15,529,000	18,181,000	2,652,000		17.08	
Shoe Stores	5,319,000	5,564,000	245,000		4.61	
Hardware Stores	27,889,000	29,285,000	1,396,000		5.01	
Lumber & Building Material Dealers	51,838,000	57,057,000	5,219,000		10.07	
Furniture Stores	11,042,000	10,929,000		113,000		1.02
Appliances and Radio Stores	17,051,000	18,648,000	1,597,000		9.37	
Restaurants	40,760,000	39,218,000		1,542,000		3.78
Coal and Wood Dealers	702,000	482,000		220,000		31.34
Drug Stores	19,544,000	20,400,000	856,000		4.38	
Jewellery Stores	7,679,000	7,829,000	150,000		1.95	
Tobacco Stores	2,088,000	2,301,000	213,000		10.20	
All Other Trades	148,722,000	157,207,000	8,485,000		5.71	

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures and to figures being withheld to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(b) Not available.

(c) Source: Retail Trade Vol XXV. No. 12, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 1st January, 1954.

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 54, No. 1, January, 1954.)

A further decline in employment occurred in the Prairie region as the level of seasonal activity approached its winter low point.

The decline in employment was more pronounced this winter than in past years, although this was not true of all three Prairie Provinces. In Saskatchewan labour demand in the last half of the year was sustained by the large volume of construction begun earlier in the summer, but this increase was offset by declines in construction and in some manufacturing industries in Alberta and Manitoba.

In contrast with other regions, no substantial labour surpluses had developed in any labour market areas of the Prairies by the first of January, although moderate labour surplus areas were more numerous than last year. Labour supply and demand were in approximate balance in eight of the twenty areas in the region. In Alberta this applies specifically to Drumheller and Red Deer.

A sharp decline in employment in Edmonton during December brought this area into the moderate labour surplus category. Job applications at NES offices of the three metropolitan areas in the regions were almost fifty per cent higher than a year earlier. The increase resulted partly from the continuous population growth as well as from scattered employment declines in such industries as meat-packing and clothing. In addition, however, there was a substantial influx of agricultural and logging workers, particularly into Edmonton and Calgary. The recent settlement of the strike in the lumbering industry in British Columbia will probably result in a return of workers to British Columbia.

In Major Agricultural and Minor Areas most outdoor activities came to an end in December, bringing the usual sharp increase in unemployment in the agricultural areas. Many of the workers released from agriculture, construction and other seasonal activities withdrew from the labour force for the winter months. At the same time, however, the number seeking work through NES offices in these areas was almost 40 per cent greater than last year.

Employment and Payrolls

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc. are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers' contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situations at the 1st of December, 1953, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYEES, PAYROLLS AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At DECEMBER 1, 1953, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1952

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1953
Mining	125.3	119.5	74.24	77.11	18.472
Coal	83.1	71.4	67.03	65.45	5.760
Oil and Natural Gas Wells	191.5	186.0	78.04	83.00	11.376
Manufacturing	131.2	127.8	57.10	60.56	25.714
Food and Beverages	123.7	120.1	56.46	59.27	8.834
Meat Products	131.3	125.7	61.86	65.55	3.993
Wood Products	137.4	105.3	48.48	49.68	2.770
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	100.5	105.7	54.84	57.36	1.198
Iron and Steel Products	157.2	147.4	62.86	67.40	2.682
Transportation Equipment	160.7	158.5	57.54	61.85	4.688
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	105.0	115.4	54.73	56.73	1.787
Products of Petroleum and Coal	122.9	129.5	80.38	81.25	1.241
Construction	183.8	178.1	61.73	62.48	19.305
Buildings and Structures (k)	230.3	195.7	66.43	65.09	11.735
Highways, Bridges and Streets	128.0	156.4	54.05	58.44	7.570
Transporation, Storage, Communication	114.3	114.3	57.44	62.47	23.763
Steam Railways	108.2	104.7	59.24	66.12	13.997
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	127.5	134.3	59.18	63.10	3.431
Storage	115.3	114.9	50.75	52.66	2.652
Trade	127.8	131.6	48.25	49.86	25.923
Wholesale	126.9	127.8	52.58	54.45	8.912
Retail	128.5	133.7	45.88	47.46	17.011
Service	99.9	118.8	37.27	39.28	6.626
Hotels and Restaurants	91.5	111.7	36.97	39.16	4.484
Industrial Composite	128.5	129.7	57.21	59.69	129.428

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; services incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, December, 1953
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS (Continued)

Employment, Payrolls and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON by Industries at DECEMBER 1, 1953, as compared with Corresponding date in 1952.

	Index Numbers(1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952 $	Dec. 1 1953 $	Dec. 1 1953
CALGARY					
Manufacturing	125.7	125.4	60.24	63.37	9.444
Foods and Beverages	119.4	118.1	58.88	62.35	2.963
Transportation Equipment	152.1	152.0	58.75	62.99	2.780
Construction	178.9	187.8	60.84	61.19	3.890
Wholesale Trade	119.3	120.7	52.85	55.43	3.772
Retail Trade	126.3	130.9	47.44	48.59	6.534
Industrial Composite	127.3	134.4	54.66	57.11	32.804
EDMONTON					
Manufacturing	148.2	142.4	57.62	61.50	10.545
Foods and Beverages	131.8	126.3	57.58	60.49	3.829
Meat Products	136.5	130.2	60.35	63.47	2.666
Construction	183.6	172.8	71.00	66.83	6.895
Wholesale Trade	138.6	144.2	51.63	53.53	3.935
Retail Trade	131.7	137.3	45.53	47.54	7.576
Industrial Composite	145.9	146.8	55.47	56.61	37.096

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, December, 1953
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AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

AT DECEMBER 1, 1953, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1952.

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1952	Dec. 1 1953	Dec. 1 1953
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	36.2	35.5	181.1	182.2	65.56	64.68	5.009
Oil and Natural Gas Production	45.5	44.2	164.1	169.7	74.67	75.01	4.502
Manufacturing	41.5	41.1	133.2	143.0	55.28	58.77	18.575
Foods and Beverages	40.8	40.7	132.4	139.7	54.02	56.86	6.401
Meat Products	39.8	39.9	148.4	154.8	59.06	61.77	3.002
Transportation Equipment	41.0	40.5	135.9	152.1	55.72	61.60	3.695
Buildings and Structures (h)	40.0	38.6	163.0	167.8	65.20	64.77	9.390
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	41.3	38.9	135.6	148.4	56.00	57.73	2.093
Service (j)	41.8	41.0	87.1	91.7	36.41	37.60	3.653

Source: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, December 1, 1953.
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(h) Buildings and Structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.

(1) ADVANCE INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS, JANUARY, 1954, WITH INDEXES FOR A YEAR EARLIER (1949= 100)

(2) AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES

	(1) EMPLOYMENT		(1) PAYROLLS		(2) AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES	
	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1953	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1953	Jan. 1 1954	Jan. 1 1953
					$	$
Newfoundland	125.4	132.4	173.6	175.1	51.97	49.64
Prince Edward Island	105.8	116.7	135.0	147.3	42.98	42.85
Nova Scotia	97.8	99.3	126.0	128.0	48.19	46.43
New Brunswick	99.4	107.8	128.2	134.1	48.80	47.57
Quebec	108.9	113.8	143.5	142.6	54.12	51.75
Ontario	112.6	114.5	149.5	142.4	58.77	55.35
Manitoba	104.8	106.7	134.5	131.2	54.64	52.52
Saskatchewan	115.9	113.5	154.2	142.7	55.12	52.30
Alberta	124.7	125.7	162.5	155.1	57.87	55.10
British Columbia	103.7	106.4	141.0	136.2	62.03	58.50
Canada - Composite Index	110.2	113.0	145.9	141.6	-	-
Canada- Manufacturing	108.3	111.4	144.5	139.1	58.39	54.93
Canada - Composite Figure	-	-	-	-	56.67	53.81

Source: Prepared in the Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division.

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